

Docket No. 216011US3
IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoshinobu TAKANO, et al.
SERIAL NO: 09/987,551
FILED: November 15, 2001
FOR: BRANCHING METHOD FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE

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*RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 2874*

SIR:
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

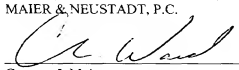
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AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R § 1.116 (AFTER FINAL)

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003, please consider the remarks
below and amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are shown on the listing of the claims beginning on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.